

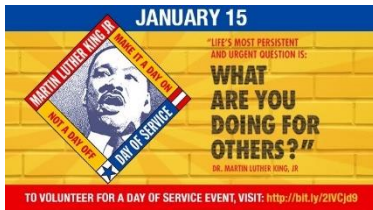


*Bringing the County Closer to You!*

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**January 12, 2018**



## **Sign Up for Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service January 15**

Sign up to participate in the MLK Day of Service at the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center. Find out about year-round opportunities at the Volunteer Fair as well as participate in service projects for all ages - SSL approved!

for general information, visit [www.montgomeryserves.org](http://www.montgomeryserves.org)

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## **Holiday Schedule for Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday:

**County Offices** – Closed January 15

**Libraries** – Closed January 15

**County Liquor stores (DLC)** – all stores will be open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Recreation** – aquatics programs and facilities open; all other classes and programs canceled. Administrative office, senior centers and community centers are closed

**Montgomery Parks - Montgomery Parks** - for operating schedule, including Brookside Gardens, ice rinks and tennis centers, visit [www.MontgomeryParks.org](http://www.MontgomeryParks.org)

**Ride On** – Modified Holiday Schedule. Route information available at: [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/SpecialHoliday.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/SpecialHoliday.html)

**Metrorail** – Information available at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)

**Metrobus** – Information available at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)

**TRiPS Commuter Store at Silver Spring Transit Center** – Open

**TRiPS Mobile Commuter Store** – Closed

**Refuse/recycling pickup** – no collection\*

**The Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station** – Closed January 15

**Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters** – Free

**State offices and courts** – Closed Monday, January 15

\*Collection provided one day later for remainder of week (last collection day is Saturday)

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## Holiday Collection Day "Slide" Reminder for County Recycling and Trash

**Monday, January 15, 2018 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** - No County-provided collection services will occur on this day. After the holiday, all County-provided recycling and trash collections will slide, and be **one day later than normal**.

| If your collection day is | Your collection day this week is |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Monday                    | Tuesday, January 16, 2018        |
| Tuesday                   | Wednesday, January 17, 2018      |
| Wednesday                 | Thursday, January 18, 2018       |
| Thursday                  | Friday, January 19, 2018         |
| Friday                    | Saturday, January 20, 2018       |

If you have questions or concerns about your County-provided collection, please contact the Montgomery County Customer Service Center (MC311) at 311 (out-of-County: 240-777-0311) or on Twitter at [@311MC311](https://twitter.com/311MC311).

*If you (or your community) have a private contract for your trash collection, or if you [live in a municipality](#), our schedule announcements may not apply to your collection service -- check with your hauler or community manager.*

### Drop-off Facilities for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Weekend 2018

[Locations, hours and other details](#)

#### Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station

Sunday, January 14    Public drop-off areas close at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 15    Entire facility closed.

#### Poolesville Beauty Spot

Saturday, January 13    Open 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 14    The Beauty Spot is no longer open on Sundays.

[Get our full holiday calendar](#), customized for your address!

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## Leggett to Present His Final Recommended Capital Construction Budget

Tuesday, January 16 11:00am

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett will present his recommended FY19 Capital Budget and his six-year FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program. Leggett will also take the opportunity to highlight the substantial progress made on a range of capital projects during his 12 years in office.

The document will be available to the public at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb> shortly after the press conference.

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### Live Discussion with County Executive Ike Leggett

Thursday, January 18 1:00pm-2:00m

[Submit Your Question](#)

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## Public Forums on Next Year's Operating Budget for the County

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett is holding his annual budget forums to seek input from residents about Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Operating Budget priorities. The forum will begin at 7:00pm at each of the locations listed below. Note: *The forum originally scheduled at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center was rescheduled due to inclement weather (see below).*

- [January 24, Mid-County Community Recreation Center](#)
- [January 29, BlackRock Center for the Arts \(Upcounty region\)](#)
- [January 30, Silver Spring Civic Building](#)
- [January 31, Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center](#)
- [February 6, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center \(new date!\)](#)

Your feedback as a resident or business owner is crucial in helping the County Executive determine priorities. Mr. Leggett will announce his Recommended FY19 Operating Budget on March 15. After public hearings and committee work sessions, the County Council then approves the operating budget at the end of May.

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, call 240-777-6507, Maryland Relay 711 or email a request to [Karen.falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Karen.falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov).

Join Montgomery County's conversation about the FY19 Operating Budget on social media and help raise awareness by using #MoCoBudget19.

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## Summer Camp Fairs

In order to help you choose a camp, Montgomery County Recreation is hosting two summer camp fairs this winter where families can meet recreation staff and instructors, learn about financial aid, and register for summer camp. The summer camp fairs will be held from **noon – 3 p.m.** at the following dates and locations:

- [Saturday, January 20, Nancy H. Dacek North Potomac Community Recreation Center, 13850 Travilah Road;](#)
- [Saturday, February 17, East County Community Recreation Center at 3310 Gateshead Manor Way in Silver Spring.](#)

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## Residents can Now View Tower Applications Online!

Good news for County residents! The process to view telecommunication antenna (tower) applications and tower locations in Montgomery County, MD has been made easy, online and available 24/7. Tower information is now only a few clicks away.

For more information, click: <http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgp...>

To view tower locations via an interactive map: <https://gis3.montgomerycountymd.gov/Wire...>

To visit the Towers website: <http://montgomerycountymd.gov/towers>

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## **Montgomery County Recreation to Kick Off 100 Mile Challenge *Looking for a Healthy Activity for in 2018?***

The Montgomery County Recreation Wellness Fitness and Performance Institute is pleased to announce the Move More Montgomery Initiative. The Move More Montgomery mission is to increase the physical activity of Montgomery County residents and their dogs through fun activities, classes, and programs.

Start 2018 with a healthy challenge for you, your families, friends...and the dog!!!

Do you want to be healthier? Do you want to win prizes?

Then sign up for the Move More Montgomery 100 Mile Challenge today!!!

Last year we had 1,100 participates and 60 dogs!!!! Of those we had 490 individuals turn in their logs for a total of over 157,538 miles!!!! We received 13 logs from our canine participants and they logged over 3,000 miles way to go pups!!!

### **GROUP CHALLENGE INFORMATION**

Form a group in one of the four categories: Schools, Community/Senior Centers and Rec Programs, MC Gov Department, and Community Group, and register as many participants as possible in your group. Your group must have a unique name and participants must enter that name when they register. Anyone can be in your group: friends, family, neighbors, etc. It is up to you to recruit as many as possible to register and have them complete the challenge.

Prizes will be awarded to the group with the most people who registered and complete the challenge within each category. Recognition and Winners Banner will be awarded at the Move More Montgomery Festival

Be sure to Register as a Group!!!

The 100 Mile Challenge program continues to grow each year and there are some new components of the program.

New: Single fee for everyone \$5!!

New: Everyone can register on-line!

New: Online tracking for some fitness wearables

New: The locations of both the kick off and Festival have changed – see below

New: More Photo Contests for individuals and dogs!!!



[#MoveMoreMoCo](#) Help spread the word! Share the flyer and 100 Mile challenge information on your social media, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc. and be sure to add the [#MoveMoreMoCo](#). Email all of your friends and encourage them to sign up!!

Register online at [ActiveMONTGOMERY.org](http://ActiveMONTGOMERY.org) Activity No. 42466

### **Program Dates**

January 24, 2018 - May 4, 2018

Kickoff event on January 20, 2018 at County Office Building Cafeteria from 2-4 p.m.

Move More Montgomery Festival on May 12, 2018 12-4 p.m.

More information is on the website at <http://montgomerycountymd.gov/rec/100.html>

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## MD 355 Bus Rapid Transit Open Houses - January/February

**7:00pm – 9:00pm**

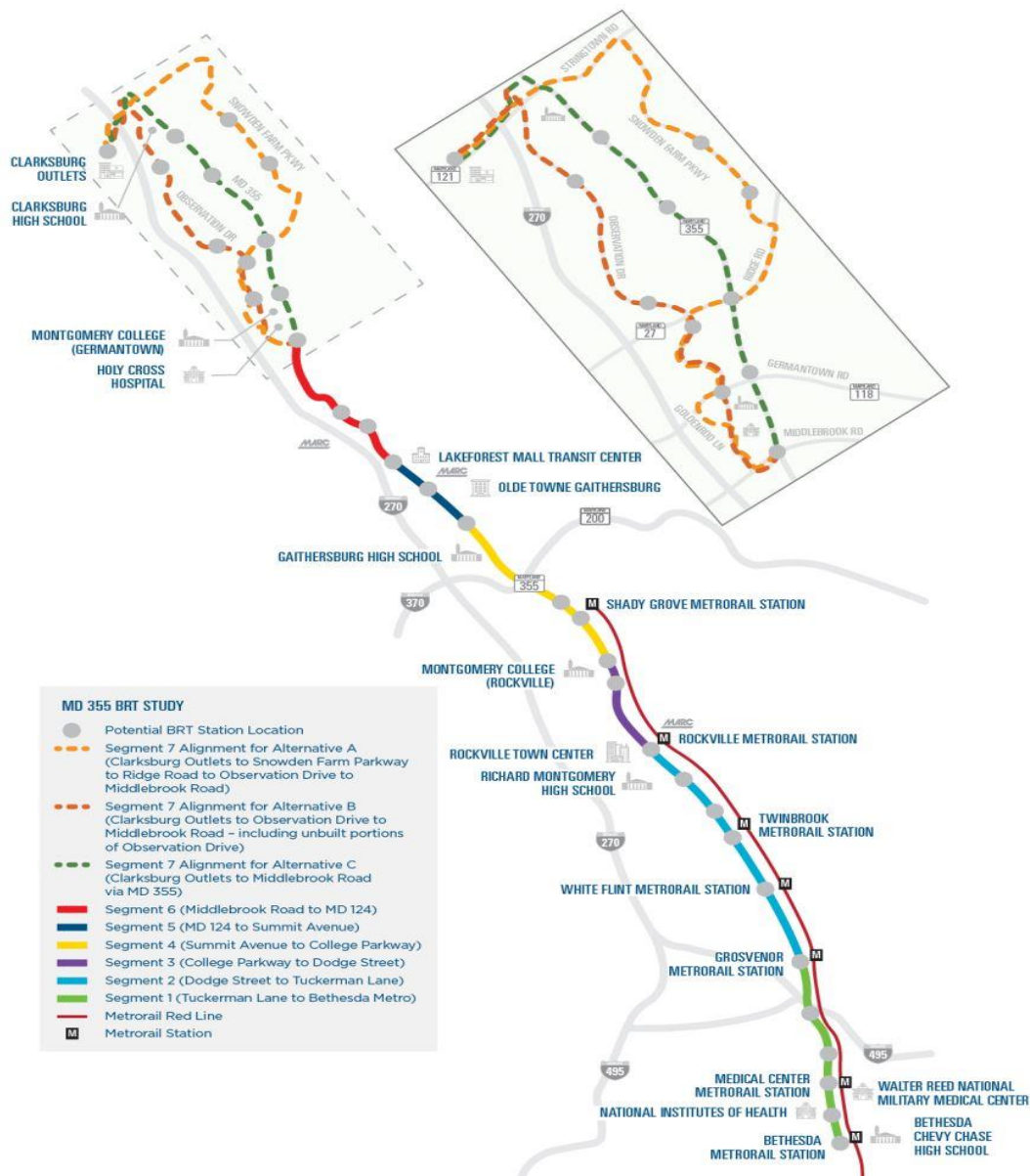
*See dates and locations listed below*

Meet the BRT team and get information about Montgomery County's bus rapid transit at locations throughout the county. Three Open Houses will take place to present information and gather community input on the MD 355 project. Open houses constitute opportunities for residents to stop in, learn about this project, ask questions, and offer comments to our staff. *Content will be the same in each open house, so feel free to attend any event during the evening timeframe.*

**January 22** Clarksburg High School Cafeteria, 22500 Wims Road, Clarksburg, MD 20871

**January 24** Gaithersburg High School Cafeteria, 314 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

**February 1** Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Cafeteria, 4301 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814



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## County's Legislative Priorities for 2018 State Session Outlined

The Maryland General Assembly convened for its 2018 Legislative Session on Wednesday, January 10 with some bills already scheduled for a hearing.

Montgomery County's transportation priorities for the 2018 State Legislative Session Transportation are summarized below:

- Restore WMATA's safety and service reliability through increased capital investment using a dedicated funding source.
- Require WMATA to honor its commitment to eliminating turnbacks at the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metrorail Station by July 1, 2018.
- Support more State funding to help meet Vision Zero Action Plan goals to reduce severe and fatal collisions on roads; support law and policy changes to better align with Vision Zero and seek more state funding for additional sidewalks on state roads.
- Establish parity between transit systems in the Washington and Baltimore regions by fully funding the operating deficit subsidy for the Washington region's locally-operated bus systems - - Ride On in Montgomery County and TheBus in Prince George's County.
- Ensure that public funding for transportation in the County is not replaced in the Governor's plan for private financing of proposed projects for I-495 and I-270, and support the County's need for improved transit options and increased alternatives to single occupancy vehicles.

[Read the details](#) about the County's transportation and other legislative priorities.



*Check out the leadership ---- three of the five are from Upcounty districts! (Senator King, District 39; Delegate Robinson, District 39; and Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, District 15)*

Keep up with the legislators' work at <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/fmr1st.aspx?tab=home>

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## **Maryland's New Smoke Alarm Law**

Smoke alarms need to be replaced EVERY 10 YEARS! Maryland's new Smoke Alarm Law can help save lives. Important [information](#) you need to know.

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## SmarTrip Cards Will No Longer Allow Negative Balances

Metro reminds customers that, starting Monday, January 8, SmarTrip cards will no longer work when they have a negative balance. [Read more.](#)

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### County Executive appears on Kojo Nnamdi

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett was a recent guest on The Kojo Nnamdi Show, The Politics Hour, where he talked about issues important to Montgomery County, including Metro, economic development, and the budget. You can watch the show in its entirety, [here](#). ***Leggett's discussion begins at approximately the 16-minute mark.***

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## Public Hearing

### Comments Requested on the Public Hearing Draft of the MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan

February 1 7:00pm

BlackRock Center for the Arts

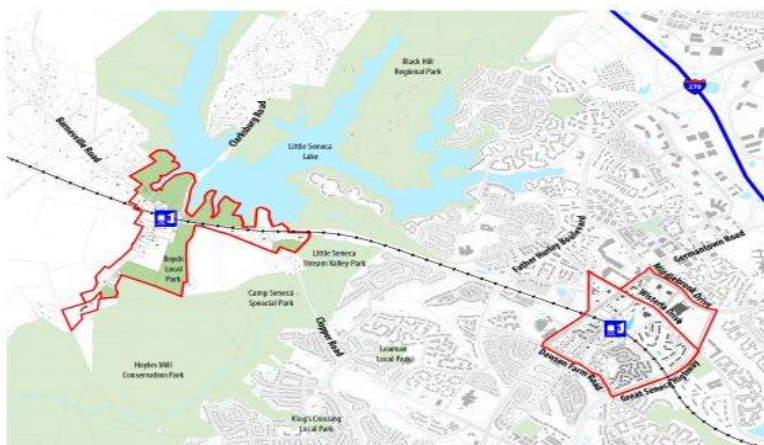
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown

This plan will amend the Approved and Adopted 1989 Germantown Master Plan, as amended, and the 2009 Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan. The document can be viewed at <http://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/area-3/marc-rail-communities>.

The Plan makes recommendations for land use and zoning within the MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan area as well as recommendations intended to improve overall circulation, pedestrian connections and the network of bikeways for approximately 252 acres in Boyds generally surrounding the MARC station and the intersection of Clarksburg and Clopper Roads; and the 290 acres in Germantown generally bounded by Middlebrook Road, Great Seneca Highway, Dawson Farm Road, Germantown Road, and Waters Road.

*Beginning January 22, 2018, you may [sign up online](#) to testify.*

For details about testifying, visit <http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/meetings/signup-to-testify/>



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**For other news and meeting agendas, visit:**

**County Council** [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press\\_List.aspx?id=01](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01)

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org>